

Attachment 2:  
Project Descriptions of DNRP's 2015 Parks Levy – Regional Open Space Acquisition Proposals

**WRIA 7: Snoqualmie Corridor Recreational Partnership (Ingrid Lundin, Parks)**

<i>PL Request</i>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<i>CFT Request</i> (CFT match status)	<b>\$250,000</b> (match is requested PL funds)
<b>Subtotal: CFT + PL Request</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	None (though TPL performing initial landowner discussions & appraisals)
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	May seek RCO-WWRP-Local Parks for Rattlesnake
<i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i>	Not for Rattlesnake Will complete CE purchase on Middle Fork

**Project Description:** Acquire priority parcels identified in the draft WADNR Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Plan along the I-90 corridor, in a partnership effort between King County and WADNR. Priority is Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area Exit 31 trailhead.

The WADNR Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Plan plans for recreational opportunities along the I-90 corridor, identifying priority areas at several exits where acquisitions could improve access for users, in many cases through partnership between WADNR and King County. This grant anticipates a two-year ask to work on this scope.

Initial target is at Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area: Nine parcels (133.5 acres) at Exit 31 at the end of a public road, would allow a new entrance point for local access for North Bend residents and visitors off of I-90. These forested parcels are under option by the Trust for Public Land; appraisals due back Feb 2014, and they will extend offers in March-April 2014. Two years to raise funds for purchase. Hope to seek RCO-WWRP-Local Parks funding. We may discuss future management of the site with WADNR. We co-own Rattlesnake Mountain Park with WADNR but they do not have funds to acquire on these parcels, and have been unsuccessful at grant application in the RCO Urban Wildlife category in the past.

**Habitat Benefit:** Rattlesnake protects forested lands contiguous with the thousands of acres of forest already protected in Rattlesnake Mountain Park, Raging River Forest. Underpass at I-90 directly connects Tollgate Farm to these parcels, suggesting these parcels could be important to wildlife movement across I-90 corridor (one of only a handful of crossing points in the adjoining ~10 miles).

**Recreation Benefit:** New access point/trailhead at Exit 31, hiking-focused use.

**Plan Priority:** Acquisition of lands is a recommendation in the WADNR Draft Concept Snoqualmie Recreation Corridor Plan (2014 draft). These are targets under Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area Management Plan (1998)

**Parcels included in scope:** Priority: Rattlesnake: 052308-9043; 082308-9006, -9050, -9046, -9047, -9030, -9023, -9007, -9003.

*Other parcels included in scope:* See map.